Sunday — N. Y. Oct 3d 1852.

Dear Brother

We are still trying to sell sheep: not very good luck as yet. We saw some men yesterday that want sheep: they live about six miles East. we are in hopes to make some good sales to them. I cannot tell any thing about how soon we shall be able to go home. If we had been used to the business we probably could have sold out before this time. I thought Remsen would make a good salesman, but he has the poorest judgment of men & things of any man that I ever saw who had as much experience as he has had. Say nothing, but he is a perfect "Lincumpoop." Perhaps I am mistaken, but I believe I could have sold out before if I had been alone. If we save ourselves this time, now that we have been gone so long. I shall be satisfied. But I wish you would buy a hundred good ewes if you can find them. Buy those that are young & dark-colored. If ever I get home this time, I shall put straight back with 100 ewes if I can get them & come back on my own hook & alone. If you buy any do not pay over 2 dollars per head if you can help it. & I want 2 good buck[illegible] that I can blanket & lead with a rope. This is one of the richest countries in the world, but the people have been so gulled with Binghams blooded sheep, that it is hard

selling here. I would not drive an oiled sheep into this country if you would give it to me.

I believe the name of this town is Ledyer, any how it is in york State, & I believe just two miles east of of the Town of Aurora, & that town is on the east shore of Cayuga Lake. We intend moving six miles east to-morrow, & shall probably remain in that section during most of this week. If you should get this letter within two or three days, & should wish to write to me, you might direct a letter to Fleming a town a few miles north, & I should probably get it the latter part of the week. We are about 15 miles south of Auburn.

If a man is going to sell sheep, he must take your motto, "dont fret"

Your affec' brother

Steve

If you get this letter by wednesday, & if you direct a letter in return on Thursday & direct it to Auburn I probably might get it the latter part of the week. Since writing the first part of the letter we have concluded to go to Auburn to attend the Agricultural Fair to be held on Wednesday & Thursday.

Steve